

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NORTH ATLANTIC AIR CORRIDORS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Colin Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister table the report of the survey, commissioned by the government from UNICA Research Limited of Montreal into the matter of narrowing the air corridors across the north Atlantic from 120 nautical miles to 90 nautical miles?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest that the hon. member place his question on the order paper.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I think Your Honour must have misunderstood me when I asked my question. I was merely asking the minister whether he would table a report. I have repeatedly heard hon. members ask ministers whether they would table reports.

Mr. Speaker: By the time the question ended the Chair had forgotten the start of the question. It could be allowed.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would have to think about that request.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT ON PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I promised a reply to the question by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam in respect of the Indian medicine chest case.

I should like to tell him that the health services in respect of the Indian people have been in effect for many years, and that there is no question about their being impaired by any test case in the courts. What we are doing is endeavouring to provide medical services which can be integrated with those of the neighbours of our Indians.

I give this answer on behalf of my colleague the Minister of National Health and Welfare, within whose responsibility these services to the Indians fall.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question I should like to direct to the minister of northern affairs. Would it not obviate the necessity of appealing the decision in the medicine chest case if the government, either by administrative act or by the introduction of legislation, undertook to supply these services to the Indian people, on its own or by arrangement with the provincial governments, in which event the case would then be dropped?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is now arguing the case rather than asking a question.

TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE FARE INCREASE ON N.B.-P.E.I. FERRY SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. In the light of the story reported in the afternoon paper in Summerside yesterday to the effect that there is to be an increase in the fare charged by the C.N.R. on the New Brunswick-P.E.I. ferry, could the minister inform the house whether this increase has been considered by the board of transport commissioners, and whether that board will hold hearings regarding the increase?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will have to make inquiries in this regard before answering.

[Later:]

Mr. MacDonald (Prince): May I direct this question to the Minister of Finance. In light of the fact that there will likely be an increase in the fare now being charged, will this increase go toward the construction of the new causeway?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN AMALGAMATION OF CHEESE FACTORIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the recent announcement by the Minister of Trade and Commerce regarding the increased exports of Canadian cheddar cheese, will the